

1 there was no grant in Article 11 (a) for a charter gov-
2 ernment, but Baltimore County and Anne Arundel and I
3 assume Montgomery County adopted it in their charter and
4 there has always been a doubt as to whether or not this
5 was correct.

6 DELEGATE MOSER: I see your point. The answer
7 categorically is that it is clear that a county may adopt
8 in its charter a referendum procedure. It is absolutely
9 clear they can.

10 I think it is also clear that the legislature
11 could pass a law requiring all counties to have a referen-
12 dum procedure. If it affected all counties, it could
13 require the same procedure in all counties too.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemeyer.

15 DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: With such a provision
16 is it possible they could likewise withhold the right of
17 referendum to the newly formed counties whereas, under
18 expressed provisions of your recommendation, they might
19 not be able to do it as the counties and municipalities
20 already in existence?

21 DELEGATE MOSER: I do not follow that question.